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1. REQUEST CONGEN PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. M.E.
BERLYAND, MAIN GEOPHYSICAL LABORATORY A.S.A.P. REQUEST
EMBASSY GIVE COPY TO HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR DR. BERLYAND, I HAVE JUST RECEIVED NOTIFICATION
FROM THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT THAT 2 DELEGATIONS UNDER
YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE SOVIET SIDE OF OUR
WORKING GROUP HAVE APPLIED FOR VISAS FOR VISITS BEGINNING
JULY 5 FOR SIX (6) PERSONS FOR 16 DAYS AND THREE (3)
PERSONS FOR 22 DAYS. I AM COMPLETELY SURPRISED BY THIS
REQUEST SINCE I HAVE RECEIVED NO PRIOR COMMUNICATION FROM
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YOU ON THIS PROPOSED MEETING.

IN ORDER TO ASSEMBLE U.S. SCIENTISTS WITH CORRESPONDING EXPERTISE AND ARRANGE VISITS TO THE RELEVANT LABORATORIES AND CITIES, I MUST KNOW THE AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND INTEREST OF THE SOVIET DELEGATES. THEREFORE, IMMEDIATELY PLEASE PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(1) -- THE GROUP OF 6 PERSONS LEAD BY ZAITSEV SEEM TO BE INSTRUMENTATION ORIENTED. WHERE ARE THE ATMOSPHERIC MODELERS, CHEMISTS, AND TRANSFORMATION EXPERTS? WHAT TOPICS DO YOU PROPOSE TO BE ADDRESSED AND HOW THOROUGHLY?

(2) -- THE GROUP OF THREE PERSONS TO STUDY "CONFORMITY OF ATMOSPHERIC ADMIXTURE DISPERSION IN BIG INDUSTRIAL CITIES" --WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? PLEASE GIVE MORE DETAILS. WHY A 22 DAY VISIT?

(3) -- WHAT INSTRUMENTS ARE BEING BROUGHT FOR CONTINUATION OF SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON STUDIES? REMINDER: SHIP TO DR. ROBERT STEPHENS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, NORTH CAROLINA 27711.

I DO NOT KNOW (BUT I AM TRYING DILIGENTLY) WHETHER I CAN ASSEMBLE U.S. SCIENTISTS FOR WORKING GROUP MEETINGS TO BEGIN JULY 7, SINCE SEVERAL OF THEM HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS. YOUR IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS NECESSARY. EACH DAY'S DELAY MAKES A JULY 7 START LESS POSSIBLE. PLEASE GIVE YOUR ANSWERS IN WRITING TO OUR CONSULATE IN LENINGRAD WHICH WILL IMMEDIATELY SEND THEM TO ME.

I REGRET YOU WILL NOT BE VISITING MY COUNTRY AT THIS TIME. I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO COME NEXT YEAR WHEN I CAN RECIPROCATATE YOUR SUPERB HOSPITALITY. SINCERELY,
HERBERT L. WISER" INGERSOLL

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